

VILLAGE OF BARRINGTON HILLS

PLAN COMMISSION MEETING

JUNE 11, 2012

The regular meeting of the Village of Barrington Hills Plan Commission was called to order by Chairman Bosworth at 7:35 p.m.

Commission Members Present: Kenneth Bosworth, Chairman

Patrick Hennelly

Daryl Adams

Lou Anne Majewski

Kelly Mazeski

Absent: Michael E. Harrington

Julie Joyce

PREVIOUS MINUTES: Commissioner Hennelly made the motion, seconded Commissioner Majewski, to approve the March 12th Minutes. Motion carried. Commissioner Majewski made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Mazeski, to approve the April 11th Minutes. In a discussion of that motion, Chairman Bosworth asked to include in the 3rd paragraph on Page 1 under “20 Steeplechase Road” that Mrs. Meroni had reviewed the Village Engineer’s report and concurred with his findings that the grading of the stable would not create new issues. Motion to approve the corrected Minutes carried.

OLD BUSINESS DEFERRED / ADJOURN SINE DIE: The meeting was adjourned sine die for the annual organization meeting. (Bob, previous meetings a motion was made to do this)

ORGANIZATION OF NEW COMMISSION:

Call to order of the New Commission

Election of New Officers: All were in favor of the appointment of Commissioner Patrick Hennelly as Vice Chairman and the reappointment of Lou Anne Majewski as Secretary/Recording Secretary.

Time and Place of Regular Meetings: It was the consensus of the Plan Commission to adopt the meeting schedule for the balance of 2012, as set forth in the annual calendar of Village meetings.

Adoption of Policies: Commissioner Majewski made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Adams, to approve the Policies as presented. Commissioner Mazeski asked if attendance of meetings was allowed remotely. Robert Kosin explained that the Village had not adopted rules for such participation. If approved, there would still have to be a quorum at the meeting and a significant reason for not attending in person. Motion to approve the Policies as presented was carried by voice vote.

PUBLIC HEARING

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENT – GROUNDWATER RECHARGE AREA ENVIRONMENTAL FEATURES MAP: This matter was presented in the Public Hearing to consider a proposed amendment to the Comprehensive Plan reference in Title 6 of the Village Code, that being an additional exhibit of groundwater recharge areas within the Village and its planning area to the Environmental Features map. Janet Agnoletti, Executive Director of BACOG, was present to answer any questions.

Commissioner Mazeski made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Adams, to recommend to the Village Board that they include within the Comprehensive Plan the addition of the groundwater recharge area environmental features map promoted by BACOG. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote

PUBLIC MEETING

SPRING CREEK WATERSHED PLAN: Nancy Schumm, Consultant to the Village, discussed the proposed Plan, which analyzes characteristics of waterways within the Village to determine strategies of how best to preserve existing water quality and guide future planning. She pointed out that 73% of this watershed is within the Village and identified it on the map as running from the south to the north/northwest ending in the Fox River. She reviewed the history of the project, that was started in 2010, which includes goals and objectives, recommended practices, and a timeframe. The entire proposed document is available on the Village's website.

Village Engineer Daniel Strahan reviewed his June 8th memo to Chairman Bosworth on the subject. It was his opinion that the Plan aligns well with the objectives of the Village's Comprehensive Plan. He commented that the Plan focuses almost entirely on water quality projects, and went on to identify "action items" that would address water quality and flooding. Also, though the Village has encouraged residents to utilize phosphorus-free fertilizers, he questioned the necessity of the Plan's ban on phosphorus. Ms. Schumm commented that most adverse effects of phosphorus have been off lawns rather than farms. She stressed the importance of education. Trustee Ramesh concurred, being aware of the inability to place certain restrictions on private residences.

Ms. Schumm said, that if the Plan were approved by the Village it would ultimately have to be approved by the EPA.

There was a diversity of opinion among the Commission as to the applicability and governance of the proposed plan. It was agreed the Commission would review the document and make their recommendation at a subsequent meeting.

CMAP LOCAL TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE: Trustee Ramesh explained that CMAP provides free services to help with community projects. Nancy Schumm said one of the projects that would be specific to Barrington Hills is help in the creation of verbage for an equestrian overlay (?) district. Some questioned this choice, opting for a broader subject such as the support of estate zoning. Consideration of the matter was postponed to the July meeting.

TRUSTEE'S REPORT: Trustee Ramesh was not at the last Board Meeting. She commented on the following:

- The McHenry County Conservation District is still working on the Fox Bluff and Camp Algonquin site plans.
- McHenry County's Unified Development Ordinance, a 400 page document that applies to unincorporated property, has not yet been made public. When given the opportunity, the Plan Commission should review it and make their comments.
- McHenry County Green Infrastructure Plan encourages conservation design and cluster housing. Barrington Hills should try to insert that low density should be a consideration as well.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m. after being so moved and seconded.

Respectfully submitted,

Lou Anne Majewski,
Recording Secretary